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To: State Board for Charter Schools

Narrative for Change in Instructional Days

Southgate Academy strives to always have the highest level of effective instruction. The Governing Board agreed that while we have seen an increased growth in our students, allowing for additional instruction time will assist in reaching maximum academic growth. As our school continues to attract a growing number of "at-risk" students, it is essential for us to allow adequate time and attention to our students using our curriculum. Our mission encompasses the fact that we will support and monitor the individual growth of our students. This awareness and frequent contact has been essential to meeting the academic and social needs of our schools population.

The proposed 200 day calendar along with the daily instructional schedule clearly demonstrates compliance for each grade level. In fact, the grade levels are over the minimum hours needed in an academic day. Southgate Academy is confident that by adopting the new instructional schedule, our students will be in the best position to close the learning breaches.

The change in the 200 day calendar would apply to Southgate Academy Inc. with only one school in operation as of today. The timeline for implementing the change for instructional days would be beginning July 1, 2014.

In consideration, our mission statement is the belief that all students can learn and achieve at high levels.

Respectfully submitted,

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